

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, It has been twenty-five years since this nation declared unconditional war on poverty through the enactment of the Economic Opportunity Act, signed into law on August 20, 1964; and,

WHEREAS, The purpose of this legislation was to eliminate the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty in this nation; and,

WHEREAS, The cornerstone of America's war on poverty has been the Community Action Agencies, created to offer the nation's poor "a hand up, not a hand out;" and,

WHEREAS, The Community Action Agencies have continued to lead the struggle against poverty for 25 years, helping poor people overcome hunger, inadequate housing, illiteracy, unemployment, discrimination, powerlessness, exploitation and lack of access to such remedial and vital services as health care and education; and,

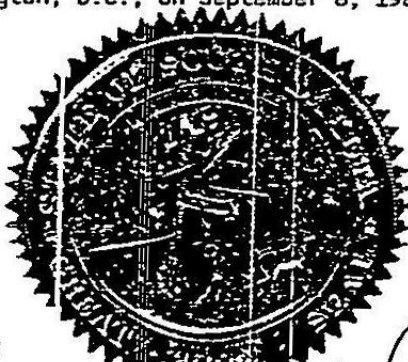
WHEREAS, The Community Action Agencies have made an invaluable contribution to our nation, through the development of innovative and cost-effective programs which have helped millions of poor Americans find their way out of poverty; and,

WHEREAS, The paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty continues today when, although 1987 represented the fifth year of economic recovery, the poverty rate that year soared higher than in any year in the 1970s, higher even than during the major recessions of 1974 and 1975; and,

WHEREAS, This nation must continue to wage a war on poverty in order to uphold its commitment to the least fortunate among us, including America's children, elderly, working poor and other disadvantaged groups; and,

WHEREAS, We know more today than ever before about effective, positive approaches to self-sufficiency:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby rededicate this state to the continuing war on poverty and to the leadership of Community Action Agencies in advancing this struggle, and that the state of South Dakota be included in the list of those to be presented to the U.S. Congress and to the President of the United States in conjunction with the National Association of Community Action Agencies Rededication Ceremony in Washington, D.C., on September 8, 1989.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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JOYCE HAZELTIME, SECRETARY OF STATE